



# Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday January 11, 2007



The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

## ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

This is a summary for the week of rail grade prices on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

**A grade steers** 154.00-160.00  
**A grade heifers** 153.00-157.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

### **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week avg.</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	87.42-95.31	91.26	103.50	89.51
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.28-95.54	91.13	99.50	90.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.73-94.13	90.58	103.50	89.95
Large Frame Heifers +1000	86.65-94.98	91.29	104.00	89.84
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.09-92.45	89.01	105.25	84.92
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	85.61-94.77	90.73	105.25	89.31
Cows-all weights	24.04-37.58	30.71	62.80	31.43
Bulls-all weights	33.33-44.06	38.35	76.00	51.50

### **STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week avg.</b>
1000+	96.53-103.58	100.61	109.50	99.45
900-999	101.61-107.77	105.74	110.75	94.40
800-899	95.38-108.44	103.10	111.50	96.13
700-799	97.52-110.93	105.71	116.50	102.57
600-699	106.35-120.10	114.18	125.00	106.46
500-599	108.13-127.00	118.52	136.50	110.02
400-499	112.26-130.75	122.76	141.00	119.25
-399	101.01-140.46	121.29	217.00	111.00

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week avg.</b>
900+	90.06-98.90	95.51	105.50	82.02
800-899	93.82-101.71	98.61	105.00	95.54
700-799	90.69-102.69	96.66	108.75	96.30
600-699	89.97-107.62	100.50	118.50	98.51
500-599	91.82-113.71	104.35	119.50	103.88
400-499	97.33-118.40	109.28	125.00	107.72
300-399	103.66-122.55	112.19	140.00	111.01
-299	116.20-139.10	132.15	195.00	109.00

### **At Talbotville Livestock: January 8, 2007- 613 head**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
Good & choice steers	85.00-94.50	102.00
Good & choice heifers	85.00-95.25	
Cows	31.00-38.50	64.00
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	35.00-52.00	
Veal	85.00-95.00	

**Denfield Livestock – Jan 9, 2007**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	88.00-95.00	<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	87.00-95.00
<b>Bulls</b>	40.00-48.00	<b>Med Heifers</b>	84.00-87.00
<b>Good Hol bull calves</b>	125.00-225.00	<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	42.00-47.00
		<b>Med Cows</b>	32.00-37.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Jan 5, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	93.75-97.75	101.25	<b>900+</b>	93.00-99.50	100.25
<b>900-999</b>	97.25-103.00	103.00	<b>800-899</b>	91.00-102.00	105.00
<b>800-899</b>	100.00-111.25	111.50	<b>700-799</b>	96.00-105.00	107.75
<b>700-799</b>	96.00-110.00	112.00	<b>600-699</b>	96.00-112.50	118.50
<b>600-699</b>	102.00-119.00	119.00	<b>500-599</b>	97.00-117.00	117.00
<b>500-599</b>	107.50-125.00	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	112.00-123.00	123.00
<b>400-499</b>	113.00-131.00	132.00	<b>300-399</b>	117.00-140.00	140.00
<b>300-399</b>	118.00-134.00	134.00			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock, Jan 9, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	105.50-109.00	109.50	<b>900+</b>	80.00-95.00	95.00
<b>900-999</b>	102.25-108.75	108.75	<b>700-799</b>	101.75-108.75	108.75
<b>800-899</b>	97.00-104.50	104.50	<b>600-699</b>	107.00-111.00	111.00
<b>700-799</b>	100.50-109.50	109.50	<b>500-599</b>	103.0-119.50	119.50
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-111.00	111.00	<b>400-499</b>	103.00-115.00	121.00
<b>500-599</b>	120.00-136.50	136.50	<b>300-399</b>	94.00-122.00	122.00
<b>400-499</b>	124.00-140.00	140.00			

Stocker sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd, Jan 9, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>600-699</b>	62.50-114.50	<b>700-799</b>	72.00-96.00
<b>500-599</b>	78.00-122.50	<b>600-699</b>	64.00-100.50
<b>400-499</b>	66.00-125.00	<b>500-599</b>	58.00-108.00
<b>399-</b>	121.50-125.50	<b>400-499</b>	76.00-110.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 10, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	94.50-107.25	107.25	<b>+900</b>	91.25-99.50	102.75
<b>900-999</b>	104.50-110.75	110.75	<b>800-899</b>	99.00-104.75	104.75
<b>800-899</b>	95.25-109.25	110.50	<b>700-799</b>	96.00-104.75	106.50
<b>700-799</b>	103.75-113.75	113.75			
<b>600-699</b>	107.50-116.25	116.25			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Jan 11, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	82.75-98.00	98.00	<b>900+</b>	89.00-92.50	95.50
<b>900-999</b>	96.50-97.25	101.00	<b>800-899</b>	87.00-95.00	95.00
<b>800-899</b>	99.00-108.00	108.00	<b>700-799</b>	88.00-102.25	102.25
<b>700-799</b>	101.00-112.50	116.50	<b>600-699</b>	95.00-110.50	113.50
<b>600-699</b>	113.50-125.00	125.00	<b>500-599</b>	88.00-112.75	119.00
<b>500-599</b>	117.00-132.00	133.50	<b>400-499</b>	94.00-120.00	120.00
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-130.00	135.00	<b>300-399</b>	97.00-120.00	128.00
<b>399-</b>	105.00-129.00	147.50	<b>299-</b>	115.00-130.00	130.00

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's) – Jan 11, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>700-799</b>	98.00-109.00	109.00	<b>600-699</b>	45.00-100.00	100.00
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-115.00	115.00	<b>500-599</b>	109.00-112.00	112.00
<b>500-599</b>	99.00-119.00	125.00	<b>299-</b>	105.00-195.00	195.00
<b>400-499</b>	100.00-128.00	129.00			
<b>399-</b>	45.00-217.00	217.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co – Jan 11, 2007**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	100.25-103.25	<b>900+</b>	101.00-105.50
<b>600-699</b>	120.75	<b>800-899</b>	100.50
<b>500-599</b>	118.25-124.75		

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday Jan 11, 2007**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.90-88.50	<b>Flat rail</b>	146.00-149.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.65-88.50	<b>Flat rail</b>	147.00-147.75

**QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET** (F.O.B. the feedlot)

Week Ending Jan 11, 2007	Price Range
<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	155.50-157.00

**U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)**

Week ending **Thursday Jan 11, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	87.00-87.50
	<b>Rail</b>	140.00-142.00

**U.S. BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES (U.S. funds)**

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	151.00	136.98

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
<b>Jan 6, 2007</b>	865	800
<b>Jan 5, 2006</b>	853	791

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Jan 6, 2007		
<b>Grand Total</b>	51,562	51,562	100%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	33,524	33,524	104%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,754	10,754	99%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Jan 13, 2007		
<b>Grand Total</b>	594,000	520,000	606,000

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Jan 6	Jan 1 – Dec 16
<b>Total</b>	4,299 tonnes	33,617 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Jan 6	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	14,720 tonnes	14,155 tonnes	+4.0%
<b>Non-fed</b>	4,011 tonnes	4,512 tonnes	-11.1%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 30/06	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>US</b>	81,590 tonnes	45,071 tonnes	+81.0%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	39,104 tonnes	57,174 tonnes	-31.6%
<b>Total</b>	121,841 tonnes	105,514 tonnes	+15.5%

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – Nov 30/06		Jan 1 – Jan 6/07	
<b>Pure bred</b>	471	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	8,572
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	32,726	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	3,531

### LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 30, 06	Week ending Dec 23,06	Year to date.
<b>Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario</b>	0	0	7,335

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>		<b>Feeder Cattle</b>		<b>Corn</b>			<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>	
\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US	¢/bu	Jan	\$/bu US	¢/bu	Spot	
<b>Feb</b>	91.80	<b>Jan</b>	94.57	<b>Mar</b>	3.964	<b>Jan</b>	7.060	<b>Jan</b>	85.41	+0.41
<b>Apr</b>	93.87	<b>Mar</b>	92.95	<b>May</b>	4.074	<b>Mar</b>	7.164	<b>Mar</b>	85.68	+0.52
<b>Jun</b>	89.80	<b>Apr</b>	94.70	<b>Jul</b>	4.144	<b>May</b>	7.314	<b>May</b>	85.91	+0.52
<b>Aug</b>	88.22	<b>May</b>	95.62	<b>Sep</b>	4.024	<b>Jul</b>	7.430	<b>Jul</b>	86.15	+0.52

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### Special Fall Sales

Sat, Jan 13, 2007	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange(Leo's)	Stockers and Yearlings
Wed, Jan 17, 2007	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Calves/Yearlings 100 % Vacc
		-Peterborough/Victoria County Sale	
Fri, Jan 19, 2007	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd (Hoards)	100% Vaccinated

## **Comments for the week ending January 11, 2007**

The finished cattle market was a little stronger this week in both volume and prices. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,326, 732 higher than last week. The average fed steer price was \$90.58 up \$0.63 and the average heifer price was \$90.73 up \$1.42 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a good active trade with prices firm to \$3.00 higher. American types were reported as selling strong.

The slaughter cow market was off a touch this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,391, up 581 from last week. The average price was \$30.71 down \$0.72 from last week and \$1.08 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good demand at steady prices.

Replacement cattle also were up in both pricing and volume this week. There were 3,529 replacements sold through auction markets this week, up 2,046 over last week and 786 head short of last year of this time. All weight classes of steers and heifers were stronger with steers 900lbs+ averaging 102.25 up \$3.95 and heifers 800lbs+ averaging \$96.53 up \$11.49 from last week. Steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$122.76 up \$3.51 and heifers 400-500 lbs averaged \$109.28 up \$1.56 over last week. Auction markets report a good active trade with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$154.00-\$160.00 for steers and \$153.00-\$157.00 for heifers, averaging \$2.00-\$3.00 higher than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to active with prices steady to firmer. Steers traded \$85.90-\$88.50 live and \$146.00-\$149.00 dressed. Heifers sold \$85.65-\$88.50 live and \$147.00-\$147.75 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a few scattered sales on Wednesday and Thursday in Nebraska at prices \$140.00-\$142.00 dressed which is steady to \$1.00 higher than last week. Although packers appeared to be short bought this week, significant trade still had not developed at time of reporting. Asking prices remained firm at \$92.00-\$93.00 live and \$143.00-\$145.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a good week overall. All beef cuts are moving well which is partially due to the unseasonable temperatures, making BBQ's seem more attractive. Prices are up as reflected in the live cattle market.